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Dear Ed,

Things have been rather rough in every way, including a rather severe emotional drain plus a physical one as a consequence of a serious breach of trust about which nobody can do anything. Thus, of the stack of mail, I answer yours immediately, having cleaned up all that which is disagreeable, knowing that if I misspeak myself you will understand, as you will my brevity.

Both the letters are dated 11/2/. The Coombes clip is interesting for I am getting information that impels that I take an interest in some such matters. His case is not one, but it might yield some clues, other than your comments.

To call the problems with that guy Jerry met serious is insufficient. However, I have asked Jerry not to talk about this, for I think the guy is sick. Someday I'll meet a rich person who doesn't hurt me. I hope. I'm afraid that your sensible comments are irrelevant, but I can't go into it. I did what you said to begin with. I have to give you some meaningful answer, and his terms and indefinite suppression and a rewrite with his doctrine and prejudices and opinions and considerable ignorance. He also wants to buy me! And he offers less than the cost of getting what I have. You'd never believe any of it.

Ed, I have no choice. I have to survive without pulp, for which I'm unsuited and which doesn't pay enough anyway (and I've made several efforts of the kind you mention, including to the guy you mention anyway). Once I survive, I had to do what I am because it is the most meaningful thing I can do and because if I do not I see no prospect of its getting done. That simple. I'm not a masochist.

I never believed and never had any reason to believe any of the N.O. figures had any direct involvement in Dealey Plaza, one of the disagreements between JG and me.

I have no doubt SM believes KT to be an innocent figure. She has to tolerate what her hatred of JG drove her to. The one thing that can't be said of KT is that in any sense he is "innocent". He is one of God's most wretched creatures. I can't say what I have on him is unequivocal, but it is startling and he did lie, whether or not (as I think) perjury (I've never read the charges against him and had nothing to do with them). I offered to tell SM what I had learned if she'd keep it in confidence but she wouldn't. Brilliant as she is, and she surely is, she prefers her prejudices to the consideration of fact, and that I can't and don't and won't try to cope with. There are many reasons for having an interest in him.

If it is not asking too much, please try to remember to add the sources to such things as the excerpt from The Family and the date of issue. I'm told the current Esquire has something of interest on the FBI...It is bedtime and I've not yet looked at the clippings my wife selected from the A.M. paper, so that, perhaps these clips if there are few enough from the Wash Post, and then bed. Many thanks. Heard from Jerry and he sure seems like a lucky one!

Best,